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SUBJECT: AID TO INDOCHINA

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1. REACTION OF THE FRG TO AN INVITATION BY THE GVN TO
ATTEND A MEETING ON POST- WAR AID CANNOT BE PREDICTED
WITH CERTAINTY. THE FRG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE DM 100
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MILLION PROVIDED FOR IN THE 1973 BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENT AID TO INDOCHINA WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG ALL STATES OF INDOCHINA, ONCE CONDITIONS OF PEACE PREVAIL, BUT THAT DISTRIBUTION OF THIS AID TO NORTH VIETNAM MUST AWAIT ASSUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND NORTH VIETNAM. THE FONOFF INFORMED US TWO MONTHS AGO (BONN 1485) THAT THE FRG WOULD DELAY DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM UNTIL THE DRV DEMONSTRATED ITS INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT.

2. WHILE THE LAST TWO MONTHS HAVE SEEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BY OTHER EC MEMBER STATES WITH NORTH VIETNAM, THE RETURN OF US POW' S AND THE DEPARTURE OF ALL US FORCES FROM VIETNAM, FONOFF SE ASIA DEPT DIRECTOR BERENDONCK TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 4 THAT THE FRG DOES NOT PLAN EARLY RECOGNITION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DRV. BERENDONCK SAID THIS ISSUE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF FRG RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA WILL NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL HE RETURNS FROM HIS PLANNED VISIT TO INDOCHINA. CONCERNING THAT VISIT, BERENDONCK IS STILL AWAITING THE NECESSARY VISAS FROM HANOI.

3. ALTHOUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF AID TO GVN HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY LINKED TO AID FOR NORTH VIETNAM, THE FRG MIGHT WELL FIND IT POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE GVN INVITATION MENTIONED REFTEL, WHILE HOLDING THE LINE ON RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM. AT A JANUARY 31 PRESS CONFERENCE (BONN 2118) AID MINISTER EPPLER STATED THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING A TRIP TO VIETNAM IN CONNECTION WITH FRG AID BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT VISIT SOUTH VIETNAM UNTIL HE COULD VISIT NORTH VIETNAM AS WELL.

4. DURING APRIL 4 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON ANOTHER TOPIC, BERENDONCK HIMSELF RAISED THE SUBJECT OF EC MEMBER STATE AID PLANS FOR INDOCHINA, SAYING EC MEMBER STATES ARE PRESENTLY INCLINED TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP BEFORE AGREEING ON ANY CONCRETE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL PLANS. BERENDONCK SAID THE FRG HAD NOTED GDS
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GVN HINTS THAT IT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; HE SAID BONN WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION ON GVN WISHES AND WOULD TEND TO PREFER TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR AID TO GVN IN A COORDINATED WAY WITH OTHER DONORS, PREFERABLY THROUGH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WORLD BANK, OR SOME OTHER TYPE OF CONSORTIUM. HOWEVER, BERENDONCK SAID THE FRG (AND OTHER EC PARTNERS) ARE NOT INCLINED ACTUALLY TO PROVIDE AID UNTIL A PEACEFUL SITUATION EXISTS, SOMETHING WHICH DOES NOT PRESENTLY OBTAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS OR CAMBODIA. BERENDONCK ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE FRG AND OTHER EC MEMBER STATES TO BEGIN VISIBLE DISCUSSIONS

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WITH GVN UNTIL PARALLEL TALKS COULD BEGIN WITH THE DRV. WHILE A NEW SITUATION WOULD ARISE AFTER US/ DRV MIXED COMMISSION TALKS LEAD TO AGREEMENT, SUCH IS NOT THE CASE AT THIS POINT.

5. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT, UNDER THESE CIRCUM-
STANCES, BONN IS UNLIKELY TO WELCOME A GVN INVITATION
AT THIS TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN THE FACT THAT
BERENDONCK RAISED SUBJECT HIMSELF AND VOLUNTEERED FRG
PREFERENCE FOR CONSORTIUM ARRANGEMENT AND DESIRE FOR
INFORMATION CONCERNING GVN WISHES, ONE CAN ASSUME
THAT SOME TYPE OF MULTILATERAL MEETING WITH GVN
OFFICIALS MIGHT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE BE
ATTRACTIVE TO THE FRG. WHILE FRG ACCEPTANCE OF GVN
INVITATION AT THIS TIME COULD INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE
FRG TO MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM,
SIMILAR BUT SOMEWHAT POSTPONED SCENARIO, AFTER
BERENDONCK'S RETURN FROM INDOCHINA, IS LIKELY TO BE
AGREEABLE TO BONN.
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